



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

STANDING UP FOR WORKING PEOPLE



Governor Whitmer is focused on empowering working people by creating good-paying jobs with solid benefits, tuition-free paths to opportunity, and protecting their fundamental rights.

Fighting for Michigan workers

- Rolled back the [retirement tax](#) to save half a million households an average of \$1,000 a year.
- [Restored worker's rights](#) by repealing "Right to Work," to ensure workers can more effectively bargain together for fair wages and benefits. Improves workplace safety and product and keeps government out of negotiations between employers and workers.
- [Reinstated prevailing wage](#) for all state projects, raising wages and improving work quality.
- Enacted a [\\$2 per hour raise](#) for direct care workers. [Proposed](#) an additional raise.
- Signed an executive directive to [fight payroll fraud](#) and required the state to increase the number of contracts awarded to companies that create good-paying jobs in the state.
- Created a [Nursing Home Workforce Stabilization Council](#) to promote living wages and benefits and worked to reinstate the practical exam for plumbers.
- Appointed more than 200 union members to boards, commissions, and jobs.

Supporting good-paying jobs

- Announced nearly 35,000 good-paying auto jobs and counting, including the first auto plant in Detroit in nearly 30 years.
- Secured new investments in union [training and pre-apprenticeship](#) programs.
- Invested in [Going Pro](#) to help businesses up-skill in-house talent, secured resources for talent retention and expansion in key industries, and eliminated [barriers to employment](#).
- Funded programs like [Reconnect](#), [Futures for Frontliners](#), and [Michigan Achievement Scholarship](#) to lower the cost of higher education for hundreds of thousands of Michiganders and get them on paths to higher education or skills training that leads to a good-paying job.
- Expanded apprenticeships to put more people on paths to careers with a bipartisan [supplemental bill](#) and programs for key industries like [semiconductor manufacturing](#).

Rebuilding our infrastructure

- Fixed 16,000 lane miles of road and 1,200 bridges, supporting 89,000 jobs in first term.
- Launched the [Rebuilding Michigan](#) Plan, a \$3.5 billion plan to build up state highways and bridges over the next 5 years, without an increase at the pump.
- Signed a bill to [protect Michigan's construction workers](#) as they rebuild infrastructure.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) to [speed up pothole repairs](#).
- Invested over \$4 billion to upgrade water infrastructure, supporting 57,000 jobs.
- Made historic investments in affordable housing to build 2,000 affordable, attainable rental housing units, and leverage \$380 million in private funding.
- Leveraged over \$900 million to connect rural communities to reliable [high-speed internet](#).
- Secured more than \$150 million through [Charge Up Michigan](#) and the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (BIL) to build Michigan's electric vehicle charging network.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) to streamline and improve permitting for infrastructure.
- Launched the [Michigan Infrastructure Office](#) to ensure funding from the BIL is spent and deployed effectively.